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SUBJ: ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY (ADIT)

BEGIN SUMMARY. MESSAGE TRANSMITS VIEWS OF UK AND FRG DELEGATIONS ON FUTURE STATUS OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY (ADIT) EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF TACTICAL MISSILES. THE FRG HAS PROPOSED THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE IABG (FRG RESEARCH INSTITUTE) FOR AGARD IN THE NEXT STUDY PHASE. MISSION'S REASONS FAVORING CONTINUING WITH AGARD FOLLOW BELOW IN PARAS 3 AND 4. MISSION REQUESTS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE FOR USE AT NEXT MEETING OF NADREPS (NOT YET SCHEDULED). END SUMMARY.

1. MESSAGE INCLUDES TEXTS OF TWO NADREP COMMUNICATIONS (UK AND FRG) TO THE ASST SEC GEN FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (DR. TUCKER) ON THE SUBJECT OF ADIT. PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS IS TO HELP ESTABLISH SOME SENSE OF DIRECTION FOR ADIT. TEXTS FOLLOWS:

UK, DATED 7 MAY 1975, SUBJECT: ADIT

1. THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTOR (AND I IMAGINE OTHERS ALSO) CAME TO THE RECENT CNAD PREPARED TO TALK
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ABOUT THE EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES FOR EQUIPMENT, AND THE ADIT EXERCISE IN PARTICULAR. WE WERE THEREFORE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT THE DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT HAD TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE AUTUMN BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF TIME.

2. THIS IS BECAUSE, IF THE CAND IS TO HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE AUTUMN, A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AS PLANNED AT THIS SPRING CNAD SEEMS TO US TO BE NECESSARY. IT IS ALSO IN THE UK VIEWS DESIRABLE THAT CNAD SHOULD AT THIS TIME REVIEW PROGRESS TO DATE ON ADIT AND TO HEAR FORMALLY OF THE REQUESTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO AGARD FOR ASSISTANCE. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS SHOULD BE LEFT UNTIL THE AUTUMN SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF TIME AT THIS CNAD AND I WOULD ASK YOU THEREFORE TO INCLUDE THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR A FORTHCOMING MEETING OF NADREP'S OR, IF MORE APPROPRIATE, TO CONVENE A SEPARATE MEETING OF THE ADIT WORKING GROUP. IF THIS WERE POSSIBLE, I THINK IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO HAVE A WRITTEN PROGRESS REPORT. SIGNED: W.A. PERRY

FRG, DATED 15 MAY 1975, SUBJECT: ADIT

1. THE UNITED KINGDOM NADREP PROPOSED IN HIS LETTER OF 7 MAY 1975:

"TO INCLUDE THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR A FORTHCOMING MEETING OF NADREPS OR, IF MORE APPROPRIATE, TO CONVENE A SEPARATE MEETING OF THE ADIT WORKING GROUP."

MY AUTHORITIES HAVE STATED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THEY CANNOT AGREE TO THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADIT WORKING GROUP. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, NO OBJECTIONS TO A DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AT A NADREP MEETING.

2. THE EVALUATION BY AGARD OF THE MATERIAL COLLECTED SEEMS TO PRESENT SOME DIFFICULTIES.

IF THIS EXAMINATION SHOWS THAT THE IABG HAS THE TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, THE PERSONNEL AND THE TIME TO CARRY OUT THE EVALUATION AND TO SUBMIT THE RESULTS BEFORE THE 16TH CNAD, MOD BONN WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS.

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THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF COULD THEN INVITE THE NATIONS CONCERNED TO SEND, IF THEY WISH, TECHNICALLY COMPETENT REPRESENTATIVES AT THEIR OWN COST TO THE IABG IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVALUATION.

THE GERMAN ARMAMENTS DIRECTOR WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

GERMANY WILL IMMEDIATELY REQUEST A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IABG (INDUSTRIE-ANLAGEN-BETRIEBS-GESELLSCHAFT MBH) IN MUNICH TO EXAMINE THE MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN BRUSSELS AND TO DISCUSS THE PRECISE SCOPE OF WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

SIGNED: COL R. ACKER.

END TEXTS.

2. MISSION RECALLS THAT DDR&E(DR. CURRIE), AT THE 4-POWER INTER-DEPENDENT R&D MEETING IN THE FRG IN MAR 75, HAD AGREED TO DR. TUCKER'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ADIT/AGARD TACTICAL MISSILE STUDY PROVIDED THE EFFORT COULD BE COMPLETED BY OCT 75. NOW THE FRG IS PROPOSING TO SUBSTITUTE THE IABG FOR AGARD WITH THE INTENT OF MAINTAINING THE SAME SCHEDULE. US NADREP (COL LYNCH) HAS DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH BOTH DR. TUCKER AND THE IS DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS AND DFEENSE RESEARCH (SCHOENER, FRG NATIONAL) WHO HAD A HAND IN MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSUMPTION OF THE TASK BY THE IABG. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT WORKING TIME PRIOR TO OCT 75, AN EARLY DECISION IS REQUIRED.

3. ALTHOUGH THE FRG PROPOSAL APPEARS ATTRACTIVE IN LIGHT OF THE OBVIOUS FRG DETERMINATION TO SEE THE MATTER THROUGH TO A TIMELY CONCLUSION, THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD REASONS FOR PLANNING TO CONTINUE WITH THE AGARD EFFORT:

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A. AGARD, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, FUNCTIONS AS A NATO-WIDE ORGANIZATION, AS OPPOSED TO THE IABG WHICH IS FRG OPERATED, AND AT BEST MIGHT HAVE THE PARTICIPATION OF NATIONALS FROM THE US, UK AND FRANCE IN THE PROPOSED EFFORT.

B. AGARD ALREADY HAS COMPLETED AN EXCELLENT REPORT IN THE FIELD OF TACTICAL (ANTI-ARMOR) MISSILES. NECESSARY BACKGROUND WITHIN AGARD IS PRESENT, AND THERE IS A GROUP OF EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK.

C. PRELIMINARY COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE

MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF AGARD HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND THE TASK FORMULATED, PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF RESERVATIONS ON THE PROJECT BY THE UK AND LATER THE US.

4. ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. DR. TUCKER REFERRED TO HIS RECENT DISCUSSION OF THE AGARD/ADIT PROPOSAL WITH THE ASST DIR FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (BASIL, ODDR&E-IP) AND NOTED THAT BASIL HAD AGREED TO WORK WITH THE UK, FRG AND FRANCE TO GET THE AGARD STUDY MOVING.

B. IF THE UK STILL HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE AGARD EFFORT, THOSE SAME OBJECTIONS MAY APPLY TO THE FRG-PROPOSED IABG STUDY.

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5. MISSION ANTICIPATES THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A NADREP MEETING WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. ACTION REQUESTED WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON US RECOMMENDED APPROACH TO FURTHER ADIT TACTICAL MISSILE ENDEAVORS. BRUCE

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